

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of

Hisashi ICHIMURA et al. : Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH
Serial No. [NEW] : Docket No. 2001-0969
Filed July 11, 2001 : THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
ANIMAL FIBER SUPERIOR IN SHRINK : TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE
PROOFING AND METHOD FOR : FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT
PREPARATION THEREOF : ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In the interest of compact prosecution, please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, please insert the following paragraph as the first full sentence after the title:

This is a continuation-in-part application of Serial No. 09/721,772, filed November 27,
2000.